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SUBJ: ROMANIAN MEDIA REACTION TO NIXON RESIGNATION

REF: BUCHAREST 3486, STATE 174699

1. ROMANIAN MORNING PRESS OF AUGUST 10 FEATURED EXTENSIVE COVERAGE OF NIXON RESIGNATION AND FORD ASSUMPTION OF PRESIDENCY. PARTY ORGAN SCINTEIA (CIRC. 1,300,000) DEVOTED 84 COLUMN INCHES (TWO-THIRDS OF BACK PAGE) TO U.S. EVENTS WHILE ROMANIA LIBERA (CIRC. 800,000) CONTAINED 60 COLUMN INCHES. FIRST PRESS REPORTS HERE APPEARED AUGUST 9 WITH TWO-PARAGRAPH ANNOUNCEMENT OF RESIGNATION IN INFORMATIA BUCURESTIULUI, BUCHAREST'S ONLY EVENING NEWSPAPER.

2. COVERAGE BOTH MORNING PAPERS (EXCEPT AS NOTED BELOW) NEARLY IDENTICAL: LEAD STORY ON RESIGNATION ITSELF WITH LONG EXCERPTS  
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FROM NIXON STATEMENT; COMPANION ITEM ON FORD SWEARING-IN CEREMONY

WITH EXTENSIVE QUOTES FROM FORD SPEECH; SIDEBAR FORD BIOGRAPHY; AND EXCERPTS FROM FOREIGN (NON-SOCIALIST) PRESS GROUPED UNDER HEADING "INTERNATIONAL ECHOS" EXTOLLING NIXON'S FOREIGN POLICY ACHIEVEMENTS.

3. MOST SIGNIFICANT FEATURE LOCAL COVERAGE IS LONG PIECE OF OFFICIAL COMMENT IN SCINTEIA ENTITLED "THE CONTINUATION OF POSITIVE DIRECTION IN AMERICAN FOREIGN POLICY--THE NEED FOR INTERNATIONAL RELAXATION." THE COMMENTARY IS NOT ONLY UNUSUAL BUT REPRESENTS, QUITE OBVIOUSLY, ROMANIAN CONCERN AT THIS MOMENT WITH SUBJECT OF CONTINUITY IN U.S.-ROMANIAN RELATIONS. MA ACTHURST OF PIECE IS TO REAFFIRM ROMANIAN DETERMINATION TO CONTINUE CURRENT POLICIES TOWARD US, AND TO EXPRESS HOPE THAT NIXON FOREIGN POLICIES WILL BE CONTINUED AND STRENGTHENED.

4. SCINTEIA "EDITORIAL" (OUR TERM) NOTES RESIGNATION OF NIXON "WITH REAL REGRET" AND GOES ON TO LAUD HIS CONTRIBUTIONS IN FOREIGN AFFAIRS BY CITING THE "REORIENTATION" OF AMERICAN FOREIGN POLICY, THE POLICY TOWARD "RELAXATION (READ DETENTE), "AND THE DEVELOPMENT OF RELATIONS OF FRIENDLY COLLABORATION BETWEEN ROMANIA AND THE U.S." SCINTEIA STATES THAT INTERNAL CHANGES IN THE U.S. CONSTITUTE "AN INTERNAL MATTER FOR THE AMERICAN PEOPLE" BUT GOES ON TO JUSTIFY ILA VWFMENTARY BY NOTING THAT "AT THE SAME TIME, THROUGH THE PRISM OF THEIR INTERNATIONAL IMPLICATIONS, IT IS NORMAL THAT THE CHANGES TAKING PLACE ARE VIEWED ALSO WITH INTEREST OUTSIDE THE UNITED STATES." THE ARTICLE CONTINUES BY ALLUDING TO SPECIFIC "POSITIVE ASPECTS" OF AMERICAN FOREIGN POLICY ATTRIBUTED TO NIXON AND CHARACTERIZED BY "LUCIDITY AND POLITICAL REALISM." SCINTEIA NOTES THAT CEAUSESCU MET WITH VICE PRESIDENT FORD DURING THE 1973 CEAUSESCU U.S. VISIT. THE COMMENTARY CONCLUDES BY STATING "THE HOPE" OF THE ROMANIAN PEOPLE THAT U.S. FOREIGN POLICY "WILL CONTINUE TO AFFIRM AND TO AMPLIFY" THE POSITIVE DIRECTIONS CITED IN THE ARTICLE. PUBLIC OPINION IN ROMANIA, SCINTEIA NOTES IN BOLDFACE, "SALUTES WITH SATISFACTION" THE DECLARATION OF THE NEWFMRESIDENT THAT THE U9? . "WILL CONTINUE THE ACTIONS AND POLICIES OF RICHARD NIXON FOR WORLD PEACE." ROMANIA, ON ITS PART, WILL CONTINUE CLOSE COLLABORATION WITH THE U.S. SINCE THIS IS IN THE INTEREST OF "BOTH PEOPLES, INTERNATIONAL SECURITY, AND WORLD PEACE."

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5. POST WILL PROVIDE FULL TEXT SCINTEIA PIECE BY AIRGRAM.

6. EVENING TELEVISION NEWS AUGUST 9 DEVOTED FIVE MINUTES OF THIRTY-MINUTE BROADCAST TO U.S. PRESIDENTIAL EVENTS.

7. POST WILL REPORT ANY UNUSUAL ELEMENTS FURTHER COVERAGE AS THEY APPEAR HERE.  
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